

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 30 are presented for examination in the present application upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment. Claims 1 through 25 are amended. Claims 26 through 30 are newly added.

The specification was amended to include headings and a claim of priority. The abstract was amended to conform to U.S. patent practice.

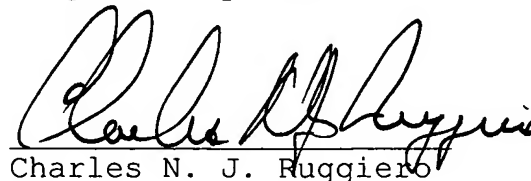
Claims 1 through 25 were amended, and claims 26 through 30 were added, to reflect amendments to the international application, remove multiple dependencies, properly number the claims, provide proper antecedent basis, and otherwise to conform the claims to U.S. patent practice. Applicants have not limited the scope of any feature in any claim. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the doctrine of equivalents is available for all features of all of the claims.

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and passage of this application to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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